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The intent of the attached document is to provide a comprehensive "side-by-side" comparison of the RCRA corrective action and the CERCLA remedial action processes. Unlike the typical narrative style, this document does not read like a book; on the even-numbered pages a discussion of the RCRA corrective action process is presented, and on the odd-number pages a comparative discussion of the CERCLA remedial action process can be found. Because the two programs have a different structure, there is not always a direct correlation between the two throughout the document.

The document serves as an informative reference for Departmental and contractor personnel responsible for oversight or implementation and integration of RCRA corrective action and CERCLA remedial action activities at DOE environmental restoration sites. EH-231 wishes to express its appreciation to those participating Program Offices and Field Organizations for the comprehensive and professional job provided in reviewing the draft guidance and assisting us in finalizing this document.

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Flowchart Symbols

Flowcharts are a central element of this guidance. The flowcharts provide step-by-step procedures required in the CERCLA remedial and RCRA Corrective Action processes. All of the flowcharts in this guidance use four symbols; these symbols are as follows:

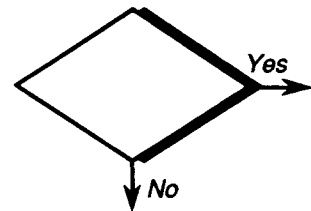
Ovals represent the beginning of a new flowchart;



Solid Line Rectangles indicate actions that should be completed;



Diamonds represent decision points (evaluate the question contained in the diamond and follow the appropriate path: Yes or No);



• **Piano Shape** represents documents; and



• **Shaded Thin Dashed Line Rectangles** usually contain notes ('continued on,' 'continued from,' or 'proceed to'), which direct the reader to different parts of the flowchart or the guidance.



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